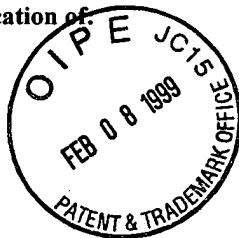


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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Re Application of:	Paul H. Burmeister, Charles L. Euteneuer, Brian J. Brown, Paul J. Fordenbacher, Anthony C. Vrba
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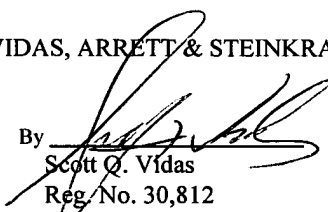
TRANSMITTAL LETTER

- In regard to the above-identified application, we are submitting the attached:
6 Pg Response to Third Office Action; VA&S Transmittal Letter; Return Post Card
- With respect to fees:
 - ☒ No additional fee is required.
 - ☐ Attached is check(s) in the amount for \$
 - ☐ Charge additional fee to our Deposit Account No. 22-0350.

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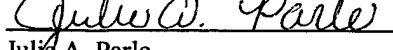
- This conditional petition is being filed along with the papers identified in Item 1 above and provides for the possibility that Applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition and fee for extension of time. If any extension of time for the accompanying response is required, Applicant requests that this be considered a petition therefor.
- Please charge any additional fees or credit overpayment associated with this communication to the Deposit Account No. 22-0350.

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Certificate Under 37 CFR 1.8: I hereby certify that this Transmittal Letter and the paper(s) as described herein, are being deposited in the U.S. Postal Service, as FIRST CLASS MAIL, addressed to Box Non-Fee Amendment, Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks, Washington D.C. 20231, on February 5, 1999.


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